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SUBJECT: APPARENT DETENTION OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS

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1. POST AND AP INFORMED OF APPARENT DETENTIONS AND ARE
EXTREMELY CONCERNED FOR WELFARE OF CORRESPONDENTS.
DEPARTMENT SHARES THIS CONCERN AND APPLAUDS YOUR EFFORTS
THUS FAR TO LOCATE JOURNALISTS AND REASON FOR DETENTION.
EFFORTS SHOULD BE PERSISTENTLY AND ENERGETICALLY CONTINUED
WITH POLICE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONTACT
SOMEONE IN IMPERIAL COURT OR PRIME MINISTER. WITH PATASSE
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WITH EXTERNAL PRESS.

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CONCERNS TO BANGUI.

3. DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO CALL IN CAE AMBASSADOR TOMORROW
TO MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS IF BY OPENING OF BUSINESS

WE HAVE RECEIVED NO SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FROM BANGUI
RE CORRESPONDENT'S WHEREABOUTS.

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5. ARE ANY OTHER JOURNALISTS PRESENTLY IN CAE? VANCE

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